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Sent: 01/25/2017 8:18:31 AM (-08:00)
To: "Jonna Mazet" <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Reminder: Meeting with USAID and GoL/Wed, Jan 18

This is the email that gave me the sense that the contractual arrange was acceptable:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tara Milani <tmilani@usaid.gov>
Subject: Re: Reminder: Meeting with USAID and GoL/Wed, Jan 18
Date: January 13, 2017 at 12:40:10 PM EST
To: Alisa Pereira <apereira@usaid.gov>
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Thanks Alisa, this is helpful.

Jerry's employment status and current relationship with PREDICT vs our other IP is clear, we have had many email exchanges on that. It is also understood that two jobs do not overlap. I plan to work closely with Jim when he returns and our EG team to see how we can ensure a win/win outcome post March 2017 regarding Jerry's employment.

The question is can someone who is not employed by USAID or the project and working as volunteer, formally represent that project? I simply do not know what USAID regulations dictate in a case like this. In situations like this we normally reach out to our RLA for guidance. Alternatively you can also ask GH legal advisers or your OAA for guidance.

Having said that, since this is a centrally managed activity, AOR's written concurrence is enough documentation for the Mission to move forward. I just want to ensure that we have flagged it and that AOR feels comfortable.

tara

On Fri, Jan 13, 2017 at 5:16 PM, Alisa Pereira <apereira@usaid.gov> wrote:

Tara,

Jon just responded detailing Jerry's current employment status. Andrew and I, as the Predict AOR mgt team, concur with Jerry being the best candidate to represent Predict at the meeting in Jim's absence.

He has been volunteering his time in Jim's absence; receives no Predict money during this period; and understands any time spent on Predict coverage should not be charged to his other employer.

Please let me know what other information you require if you decide to get the RLA to weigh in on this arrangement.

Thanks,
Alisa

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 13, 2017, at 11:42 AM, Tara Milani <tmilani@usaid.gov> wrote:

Is Jerry currently working for CDC or another USG entity implementing GHSA activities?

I am not sure, but the SL example may be a bit different. Here too, our partners sometimes share what CDC is doing or CDC partners may cover what USAID does as we work so closely on certain objectives.

The option of him accompanying USAID seem reasonable to me, though I am not sure what USAID protocols and regulations dictate.

Shall Monica try to contact our RLA, Peter, for further guidance?

Tara

On Fri, Jan 13, 2017 at 7:22 AM, Kendra Chittenden <kchittenden@usaid.gov> wrote:

Tara--

Andrew and Alisa can weigh in as AOR management team on the overall issues you raise.

I don't think it's unprecedented for another USG partner to represent and discuss activities of another USG program if they are asked too do by COP of the program & have support of the funding agency to do so. For instance, in Sierra Leone when USAID was just starting to implement Pillar 2 activities it was not usual for us to ask CDC funded partners to represent all of the USG IPC work at the meetings because it took a while for our partners to get enough staff to join all the relevant meetings.

It seems like this might be a useful meeting for USAID to attend. I'd suggest USAID go **with** Jerry. if there is any concern about him representing PREDICT then USAID could do so but it will be important to have him there as a resource in case questions come up to make sure the program is represented accurately.

Ricardo and I arrive tomorrow. We'll let your know when we arrive & look forward to seeing you, Milly and Monica.

Kendra

On Thu, Jan 12, 2017 at 4:16 PM, Tara Milani <tmilani@usaid.gov> wrote:

Hi Jim

Thanks for your reply and happy new year. The baths are back and the view from my office window is as spectacular as ever. They are unbelievable and quite distracting, never failing to amaze me. You must come and see us when you are back.

I am glad to hear that you are pleased with Jerry and the quality of work he delivers. As for him representing PREDICT/USAID with GOL and other stakeholder, though technically I am sure he can be effective in delivering information needed, I am not sure if contractually/legally we can have a volunteer represent a USAID activity? I will defer to the AOR of PREDICT to provide guidance on that. I have not personally seen it practiced before in my 14 year with USAID. I think it might be okay if USAID Mission + GHSA TDY staff meet with him in formally to learn about the activities, but I am not sure about formal representation. Andrew/Kendra, what do you think?

How about your subcontractor? This was not articulated clearly in your workplan, but from your updates with the Mission, I know PREDICT has a local organization that you have subcontracted to carry out the sample collection, etc. Can your subcontractor, since they do have a legal relationship with PREDICT, represent you?

Additionally, however, and perhaps more importantly, PREDICT needs to examine its plans around hiring Jerry passed March 2017. It is my understanding, based on what I am hearing from our EG team, that USFS/METI is intending to keep Jerry on part time bases. I strongly recommend that if you want Jerry you talk to him. It would be easier if you offer him a FTE position. If so, legally he cannot (or should not) take another 1/2 time job. It will be a bit complicated to have him split between the two projects. I believe under METI he will be seconded to FDA as their tech adviser. Our PREDICT Coordinator has to work and closely coordinate with FDA tech adviser. So in this case his one half will be consulting with his other half? Not sure how that will work. I also do not know if he is working else where? We can discuss all this when you return and see what we can do, but for now some food for thought. See you soon, tara

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On Thu, Jan 12, 2017 at 2:35 PM, Jim Desmond <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Monica,

I won't be able to attend this meeting as I am still in the US. However, I would like Jerry Garteh to attend in my absence. As you are aware, Jerry is still under contract with the US Forest Service via METI. He has been acting as a coordinator for PREDICT in my absence on a voluntary basis and has been doing an excellent job. We hope to retain Jerry in some capacity, hopefully as country coordinator, when he has fulfilled his contract with USFS/METI at the end of March 2017.

Considering Jerry's current situation, I wanted to obtain your prior approval before having Jerry represent PREDICT in this meeting. Jerry is willing to attend the meeting on our behalf with your office's prior approval. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Jim

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On January 12, 2017 at 6:26:13 AM, Monica Dea (mdea@usaid.gov) wrote:

Dear Colleagues:

Just a reminder about the meeting with USAID and your GoL counterparts (MOH, FDA, MOA), scheduled for Wednesday, **January 18, from 9-11 at EOC.**

John, kindly secured the room for us at EOC.

Please confirm with your counterparts attendance at the meeting. Also, please be prepared to provide comprehensive updates on your activities. John, please make sure there is a laptop and functioning projector for the presentations.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards, Monica

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